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The following information concerning military installations at Kherson and Zmeinyy Island, ship construction at Nikolayev, and security and control procedures at Black Sea ports was obtained prior to January 1954:

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- a. Navigation was prohibited in the vicinity of Zmeinyy Island (N 45-15, E 30-13). The island was heavily fortified. There were wooden towers supporting radar and four gun batteries on the island. The caliber of the guns was unknown. 25X1
- b. There were four submarine shelters on Kherson Island (sic). This island was situated on the right side of Kherson Bay and was heavily fortified. 25X1
- c. All ships bound for Nikolayev were required to make the trip up the Bug River to the port at night.
- d. In 1950, a battleship, two heavy cruisers, and five destroyers were under construction in the naval shipyards at Nikolayev. 25X1
- e. All foreign ships entering Soviet Black Sea ports were thoroughly searched. Radio and radar equipment was sealed, and cameras and binoculars were placed under lock and key. 25X1

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